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Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" In view of the fact that portions or rather elaborate summaries of those reports were published by the Associated Press, in view of that partial publication of the reports, may I ask whether they intend to publish the whole of those reports ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I think the hon. Member is confusing two things. The reports referred to by the hon. Member are the reports first made in 1923, then revised in 1924 and revised again in 1927, long before the appointment of the Statutory Commission. Those are the reports which have been published, and not these reports to the Statutory Commission."

Revenue Establishments

Oriyas directly recruited as Deputy Tahsildars since 1922.

* 466 Q.—Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Oriya candidates directly recruited as Deputy Tahsildars since 1922 ;

(*b*) the number of direct recruitments to this cadre since 1922 ;

(*c*) the number of Oriya candidates who appeared at these selections ; and

(*d*) the reasons why no Oriya was selected?

A.—(*a*) Nil.

(*b*) Twelve.

(*c*) Eight.

(*d*) Because other candidates were held to be better qualified.

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—" Regarding answer to clause (*b*), may I know the qualifications of those that were recruited ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I must ask for notice, Sir."

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—" Regarding answer to clause (*d*), may I know the qualifications of those other candidates ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" Does the hon. Member mean technical qualifications ? If so, I can put a statement on the table."

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—" Regarding answer to clause (*d*) again, may I know what Government mean by ' better qualified ', when to my knowledge Oriya graduates and B.A. Honours men appeared for the selection ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I may say there were 612 candidates for these twelve posts. It is rather difficult to say why twelve were preferred out of over six hundred."

Government Press

Pay and allowances of the Superintendent, Government Press.

* 467 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state with reference to G.O. Press No. 672, Public, Fort St. George, dated 11th August 1928—

(*a*) why the Government have considered the appointment of as many as five officers of the Superintendent's cadre necessary ;

(b) whether they do not consider any examination test necessary to satisfy the qualifications they have enunciated in clause 3, and if so, why they have not mentioned such examinations therein ;

(c) what were the considerations that led them to fix the scales of pay enunciated in clause 5 ;

(d) whether Mr. F. L. Gilbert is in service under a contract and, if so, what the original contract is ; and

(e) under what class of paragraph 4 of Part I of the Madras Manual of Special Pay and Allowances Mr. F. L. Gilbert is allowed a compensatory allowance of Rs. 50 ?

A.—(a) The experience of the past has led Government to consider this staff necessary for the proper working of the press

(b) No.

(c) The Government consider that the pays mentioned are necessary in order to secure suitable officers.

(d) No.

(e) Class VI (conveyance allowance).

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know from the hon. the Home Member what is the experience that led the Government to consider that staff necessary, with reference to clause (a) of the question ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " We found by practical experience that the staff in question was necessary."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" I am asking the hon. the Home Member what exactly the details of experience were that led them to employ five people ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " From time to time we received reports that the superior staff was not able to cope with the work, and therefore they were increased."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know from the hon. the Home Member, with reference to the answer to clause (b), whether the Government consider at all that no examination or test is necessary to declare a man a practical printer ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " I do not think it is necessary."

Appointment of a non-official committee to investigate into the dismissals of employees in the Government Press.

* 468 *Q.*—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) what action the Government have taken on the resolution passed by this Council on 6th September 1928 to appoint a non-official committee to investigate into the large number of dismissals, etc., of the employees of the Government Press, Madras ;

(b) who was the predecessor of Mr. Gilbert as the Superintendent of Government Press, Madras, and how long he was the Superintendent, and what is the total number of dismissals, removals and suspensions during that whole period ;